

PLAN TO SAVE U.S. THOUSANDS IN COST OF BUREAU SUPPLIES

Proposal for New Bureau and Factory Awaits Approval of Secretary McAdoo.

TO MAKE ALL FURNITURE

Superintendent at \$5,000, and Two Assistants \$4,000 Each, to Be Provided.

A plan whereby the Federal Government will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in its annual purchase of supplies awaits the formal approval of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

This plan was prepared by a committee of Treasury officials, of which Assistant Secretary B. R. Newton was chairman, and unquestionably will be presented to Congress in December with the backing of the Administration. This plan calls for the abolition of the General Supply Committee and the establishment, in the Treasury Department itself, of a Bureau of General Supplies with a superintendent at \$5,000, and two assistant superintendents at \$4,000, together with a large number of clerks, detailed from the other departments at \$2,200 a year, including a chief clerk at \$3,500, all appointments to be made under the civil service.

A radical feature is a provision for the Government manufacture and repair of all the furniture to be used by the Federal Government, including chairs, tables, cabinets, desks, book and card cases and all other articles of furniture which cannot be duplicated because of patents, whether made of metal or wood.

This plan grows out of an investigation of the general supply committee which was made early in the Wilson Administration. This investigation was caused by various accusations of irregularities and favoritism in the purchasing of Government supplies. Although it resulted in a couple of resignations, the investigation brought forth none of the scandals which its promoters had promised.

Given Clean Bill.

The general supply committee was given a clean bill of health so far as its personnel was concerned, but the investigating committee came to the conclusion that great economies and greater efficiency could be effected by the establishment of a special bureau composed of men whose sole duties would be the purchasing of supplies for the Government.

The committee which made the investigation and which has drafted the bill to which Secretary McAdoo is expected to give his approval, consisted, in addition to Assistant Secretary Newton, J. L. Eddy, assistant secretary of the War Department; W. S. Braughton, chief of the divisions of loans and currency of the Treasury, and A. L. Thurman, solicitor of the Department of Commerce. Their bill was perfected before the close of the sixty-third Congress, but owing to the rush necessitated by more important legislation, it was not thought wise to press it at that time.

Every department of the Government, except the municipal government of the District of Columbia, the Army, the Navy, the Government Printing Office, and, in part, the Department of Engraving and Printing will be affected by the plan, which gives over to the new Bureau of General Supplies the task of advertising and conducting the purchase of supplies, and of carrying out the purchasing and inspecting all supplies, material and equipment for all the executive departments and independent establishments of the Government in Washington and elsewhere, including telephone, electric light and power service, if approved by Congress this bureau will revolutionize the business of buying and selling millions of dollars worth of all sorts of things from paper to typewriters, and from typewriters to pens, ink, mullage, electric bells, and delivery wagons.

One of the most important tasks of the proposed bureau will be the standardization of supplies, and the preparation of an annual schedule of articles for the use of the Government service as well as for the use of interested bidders. This standardization, it is hoped, will eliminate all unnecessary grades and varieties of purchasable objects. One employee from each department will be detailed to the bureau in order to present the needs and requirements of the different departments, and to assist in the standardization and in the preparation of specifications and schedules. A "stores fund" is to be created for the purchase of the supplies, and there is to be erected or rented in the District of Columbia a Government warehouse for the storage of supplies and to carry a stock of staple supplies for issue when needed.

The special committee of the Treasury, which makes these recommendations, discovered in the course of its investigation that by using the carpenter's shop of the Government Printing Office as a nucleus, it would be practicable for the Government to go into the office furniture business on a large scale.

The bill calls for an appropriation of \$15,000 in order to start operations on such a shop. If approved by Congress, all the carpenters, mechanics, machinists, cabinetmakers, and laborers who are now being employed in any branch of the Government in the District of Columbia in the making or repairing of office furniture, together with their machinery, tools, material and so forth, will be transferred to the Bureau of Supplies.

The sum of \$40,000 to buy new machinery for the purpose of making desks and manufacturing steel and other metal furniture will be asked for; the rest of the \$15,000 goes to rent, compensation for additional offices and employees and moving and installing machinery.

It is too early, of course, to predict the effect of the establishment of a bureau of general supplies upon the numerous business houses which have hitherto been selling their wares to the Government through the general supply committee.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER CHEAP AND PLENTIFUL

Washington Society Finds New Diversion in Walking Through Anacostia Hothouses.

This will be an Easter of flowers. Never before in Washington, florists say, have Easter flowers been so plentiful and cheap. Only two kinds of flowers will be scarce. These will be the orchids and the violets.

Easter this year is too early for the former, and the mild winter has resulted in premature blooming of violets, so the Easter supply has suffered.

But florists' shops are filled with varied and fragrant blossoms of every sort. Especially heavy is the supply of blooming plants. And most of these are grown in hothouses around the District. Washington even supplies its own Easter lilies, and those from Bermuda, used in large quantities in New York, are not brought to Washington, because the home grown supply is abundant.

Hothouses of Washington florists are scenes of wonderful beauty. Washington society has found a new Lenten diversion, that is visiting the hothouses, and walking through the miles of blooming flowers in the conservatories in Anacostia. Last Sunday afternoon the Secretary of State and Mrs. Bryan were among the many who drove in automobiles to inspect the houses before they were invaded by those who later will bring their choicest blossoms down town.

Sweet peas, mignonettes, snap dragons, and lilies of the valley are on the Washington flower market in great abundance. But especially is the supply of blooming plants unusually large. Of the pink pearl rhododendrons, the best of that species, one florist has 500 already in stock.

The fact that Easter comes early increases the demand for flowers, dealers state. Persons have seen few spring flowers, and few withstand the allurements of the florists' attractive windows.

Miss Flynn, Socialist, to Discuss Unemployment

"Unemployment a Menace to Society" will be the topic to be discussed by Miss Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, of New York, at the Public Library Monday night. Miss Flynn, who has devoted much of her time to work among the textile workers of New England, comes to Washington under the auspices of the northeast branch, Socialist party.

Rev. Leslie L. Bowers Accepts Pastorate Here

A call to the Fifteenth Street Christian Church has been accepted by the Rev. Leslie L. Bowers, now pastor of the Fork Christian Church at Joppa, Md. He will occupy his new pulpit at both morning and evening services next Sunday, but the date for his formal installation as pastor has not been fixed.

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If you want to prove how pretty and soft your hair really is, moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair—taking one small strand at a time. Your hair will be soft, glossy, and beautiful in just a few moments—a delightful surprise awaits everyone who tries this.—Advt.

Concert Tonight

By the U. S. Soldiers' Home Band Orchestra, Stanley Hall, 7:15 p. m.

JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMANN, Director.

March, "Military Days".....Miller
Overture, "If I Were King".....Adams
Entr'Acte, (a) "Humoresque" Dvorak
(b) "The French Spirit" Waldteufel
Selection, "When Dreams Come True"
Tango, "Bing, Bing".....Kaufmann
Waltz Suite, "Jolly Fellows"
An Arabian Interlude, "Arabola"
Hendrix
Finale, "The Citizens' Pride"
Crosby
"The Star-Spangled Banner"

Lecturer Uses Child In Story of Christ's Youth

"The Childhood of Christ," a narration filled with incidents in the youth of the Savior, was the theme of the second special lecture by Mme. Mountford before the Women's Interdenominational Missionary Union, in the auditorium of Woodward & Lothrop's this morning. A little child, twelve years old, represented the Christ child.

Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter, president of the District Congress of Mothers, presided. Miss Lucie B. Dun, who for twenty-five years was a missionary in Jerusalem at her own expense, gave the opening prayer. The Rev. John Alvin Campbell, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, closed the meeting with benediction.

Trusts Prevent Large Failures, Asserts Seidel

Emil Seidel, former Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, in a speech at Pythian Temple last night, said that the recent "psychological depression" was really an old-fashioned panic, but that the trusts had co-operated to prevent the big financial failures that usually inaugurate a panic.

Mr. Seidel also held the large trusts control the international markets responsible for the European war. Unless their power is broken, he said, the present war will be followed by a number of others.

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EVERY STATE TO BE STUMPED FOR VOTES

Decided Upon by Advisory Council of Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage.

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How to Fight Tuberculosis

In a paper read last year before the Texas County Medical Society and published in part in the Louisville "Medical Progress," Dr. J. W. Carhart, of San Antonio, Texas, physician who has devoted much time to the study of tuberculosis, said: "Since lime salts constitute three-fourths of all the mineral substances of the human body, they must be supplied in the foods or supplemented in mineral preparations, or natural starvation remedies with tuberculosis unchecked. The widespread and unchecked spread of tuberculosis and other preventable diseases is due largely to the decalcified (lime lacking) conditions of multitudes throughout the civilized world."

Thus from another authoritative medical source comes justification for the use of lime in the treatment of tuberculosis.

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Plans New Constitution For Mothers' Congress

The committee preparing a revised constitution for the District branch of the National Congress of Mothers met in the oak room of the Raleigh at 10 o'clock this morning with the chairman, Mrs. Edith C. Towne. The new constitution is to be presented at an early meeting of the congress. A number of outside speakers are to be asked to address the first District convention of the Mothers' Congress on April 10.

Whitman to Speak Here.

Governor Whitman of New York and Prof. Roscoe Pound of Harvard probably will be the principal speakers at the banquet May 1 in connection with the semi-centennial celebration of the establishment of the George Washington University Law School.

Burns, vice chairman; Mrs. Richard Wainwright, Mrs. S. B. M. Young, Mrs. Nina E. Alender, Mrs. John J. Whitmer, Mrs. W. T. Burch, Mrs. Gilson Gardner, and Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, all prominent in suffrage work in the National Capital.

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